

Visiting D.C.

Our nation's capital offers an impressive variety of things to see and do: explore the museums to view some of America's treasures, tour the monuments in remembrance of our nation's heroes, or visit federal agencies to witness your government in action. With advance notice, my office can assist you in obtaining tour tickets for many of Washington's popular attractions by contacting our D.C. Office at (202) 225-3536 or by simply clicking the previous link. All requests for tours are granted at the discretion of the venues, are on a first-come, first-serve basis and are subject to availability. Unfortunately, we may be unable to confirm ticket availability until two weeks prior to tour date. During the peak travel season (March-July) in Washington, D.C. demand is much greater than the supply and unfortunately many requests cannot be satisfied. Some attractions don't require tickets, including the 13 museums of the Smithsonian Institution. I encourage everyone from Southwest Washington to drop by my Congressional office during their visit to Washington, D.C. to pick up Gallery Passes for the U.S. House of Representatives Chamber.

How you will receive information about your tours:

Almost all tour reservations (excluding the Kennedy Center) require no paper tickets. Your reservations are held under your name for a certain date and time. You will receive an email itinerary approximately two weeks before your requested tour dates, and that email will contain all of the information you will need for your tours. If you requested a tour of the Kennedy Center, you will receive instructions in your email itinerary regarding how you can pick up your paper tickets for that tour.

Arlington Cemetery: (Click
to view website)

Visit the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft, the Curtis-Lee Mansion, and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Open daily October through March from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and April through September from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Metro: Arlington Cemetery. (703) 692-0931.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing (groups of 10 or less): (Click
to view website)

through Friday (Federal Holidays Excluded) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with tours conducted every 20 minutes. Admission Fee: None, but tickets are required. Public same-day tour tickets are given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Metro: Smithsonian. Interested parties may contact my office for tickets.

FDR Memorial: (Click
to view website)

One of the most expansive memorials in the nation, the monument to our 32nd President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt has four outdoor "rooms" containing shade trees, waterfalls, statuary, and quiet alcoves. Open 24 hours daily. Located between the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials on Ohio Drive and West Basin Drive..

Federal Bureau of Investigation: ([Click to view website](#))

The FBI tour is currently closed due to extensive renovations. It is scheduled to reopen during 2005. Contact my DC office for the most up to date information. Metro: Archives/Navy Memorial. (202) 324-3447.

Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum: ([Click to view website](#))

A living memorial, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated here in 1865. Located at 517 10th Street, N.W. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except during rehearsals and performances. Metro: Metro Center. (202) 426-6924.

Holocaust Memorial Museum: ([Click to view website](#))

Established by Congress, this museum is a national memorial to the Holocaust of World War II. Located at 100 Raul Wallenberg Place, S.W. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission Fee: None, but same day tickets are needed to view the permanent exhibit and are given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets can also be ordered in advance on the museum's website. Metro: Smithsonian. (202) 488-0400.

Jefferson Memorial: ([Click to view website](#))

See the bronze statue of Thomas Jefferson inside a replica of the Roman Pantheon. Located at the Tidal Basin in East Potomac Park, S.W. Open 24 hours daily. (202) 426-6821.

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: ([Click to view website](#))

This tribute to President John F. Kennedy has five theaters, and is home to the National Symphony Orchestra, the Washington Opera, and the American Film Institute. Tours are conducted by Kennedy Center volunteers daily from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Located 2700 F Street, NW. Metro: Foggy Bottom. Interested parties may contact my office for tickets.

Korean War Memorial: ([Click to view website](#))

An etched granite mural runs alongside statues of soldiers as a memorial to those who fought in the Korean War. Located on the National

Mall, southeast of the Lincoln Memorial. Open 24 hours daily. Metro: Foggy Bottom. (202) 634-1568.

Library of Congress: (Click to view website)

Visit the largest library in the world and one of the most beautiful buildings in Washington. The Jefferson Building is located at First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E. Public tours are every hour on the half-hour from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except 12:30 p.m.) from Monday to Friday, and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except 12:30 p.m.) on Saturday.

Metro: Capitol South. Interested parties may contact my office for tickets.

Lincoln Memorial: (Click to view website)

One of Washington's most famous statues is President Abraham Lincoln seated inside the Greek Parthenon replica. Located on 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Open 24 hours daily. Metro: Foggy Bottom. (202) 426-6895.

Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens: (click to view website).
Tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens. Daily: April through August, 8:00am- 5:00pm; March, Sept., Oct., 9:00am- 5:00pm; November through February, 9:00am- 4:00pm. Admission fee: \$11.00 adults, \$10.50 seniors, \$5.00 children over 5 years (children under 5 years old enter free). Metro: Huntington Station - Exit to the lower level (Huntington Avenue) of the station to catch a Fairfax Connector bus to Mount Vernon. Phone: (703) 780-2000.

National Archives: (Click to view website)

See the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Located at 8th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro: Archives. Interested parties may contact my office for tickets.

National Gallery of Art: (Click to view website)

Classical and Modern art exhibits. Located at 4th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission Fee: None. Metro: Archives. (202) 737-4215.

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial: (Click to view website)

A marble wall plaza engraved with the names of officers killed in the line of duty. Located between E and F and 4th and 5th Streets, NW. Open 24 hours daily. Metro: (202) 737-3400.

National Zoological Park: ([Click to view website](#))

Located at 3001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Open daily from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Metro: Woodley Park/Zoo.

Pentagon: ([Click to view website](#))

Tours of the Pentagon are available to schools and educational organizations. For more information contact the Pentagon Tour Office. Metro: Pentagon. (703) 697-1776.

Smithsonian Institution: ([Click to view website](#))

Visit the nation's most extensive museum.

Arts and Industries Building - 900 Jefferson Drive, S.W.

Freer Gallery of Art - 12th Street and Independence Ave.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden - Independence Avenue at 8th Street

Museum of the American Indian - Fourth Street & Independence Ave., S.W. 202-633-1000

National Museum of American Art - 8th and G Streets, N.W

National Museum of American History - 14th Street and Constitution Ave, N.W.

National Museum of African Art - 1050 Independence Avenue, S.W.

National Museum of Natural History - 10th Street and Constitution

Ave, N.W.

National Portrait Gallery - 8th and G Streets, N.W.

Renwick Gallery - Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, N.W.

Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission Fee: None. Metro: Smithsonian (for most of the museums). (202) 357-2700.

State Department: (Click
to view website)

Tour the Diplomatic Reception Rooms. Located at 2201 C Street, N.W.
Interested parties may contact
my office for tickets. Admission Fee: None. Metro: Foggy Bottom.
(202) 647-3241.

U.S. Supreme Court (Tours of 6 or less): (Click
to view website)

Public tours are conducted every hour on the half hour except when
court is in session. Located on First Street and Maryland Avenue.
Admission Fee: None. Metro: Capitol South. Interested parties may contact
my office for tickets.

Tourmobile Service: (Click
to view website)

These guided tourmobiles, provided through the National Park Service,
allow unlimited reboarding at points between Capitol Hill and Arlington
Cemetery. For information and rates, please call (202) 554-7950.

United States Capitol: (Click
to view website)

See the Rotunda, Statuary Hall, the Old Supreme Court and Old Senate
Chamber. Located at First Street and Independence Avenue. Tours are
conducted Monday - Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM and can be arranged
by contacting my office. Additionally, I am happy to provide gallery
passes to the House Chamber - just drop by my office at 2443 Rayburn
House Office Building. Metro: Capitol South.

U.S. Naval Observatory: (Click
to view website)

View the night sky through a 12-inch telescope. Located 34th Street
and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Open Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m.
Metro: (202) 762-1438.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial: (Click to view website)

A memorial to the more than 58,000 soldiers who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. Located at Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Open 24 hours daily. Metro: Smithsonian. (202) 634-1568.

Washington Monument: (Click to view website)

Take an elevator ride to the top of the 555 foot structure for Washington's best view. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Public same-day tickets are given out on a first-come, first-serve basis starting at 8:00 a.m. For a nominal fee tickets can be reserved in advance by calling 1-800-967-2283 or over the internet at <http://reservations.nps.gov>. Metro: Smithsonian.

The White House: (groups of 10 or more - requests needs to be 5-6 months in advance) (Click to view website)

Located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. White House Tours require substantial advance notice and are subject to the discretion of the White House. Due to the high volume of requests received by the White House on a daily basis, it must limit its flow of visitation. A virtual tour of the White House is available online and the Visitor's Center is located at the SE corner of 15th and E Streets NW. Metro: McPherson Square.